

Minority Health Professions Foundation



The Minority Health Professions Foundation (MHPF), a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit, educational, scientific and charitable organization, was established in 1983 to provide support to member institutions to advance the development and management of professional health education, research, and prevention programs.

The twelve member institutions of the Foundation include one school of veterinary medicine, four medical, two dental and five pharmacy schools in Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). The member institutions are:

Charles R. Drew University of Medicine & Science
Los Angeles, California

Florida A&M University, College of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences
Tallahassee, Florida

Hampton University, School of Pharmacy
Hampton, Virginia

Howard University, College of Medicine; College of Dentistry; College of Pharmacy, Nursing & Allied Health
Washington, District of Columbia

Meharry Medical College, School of Medicine; School of Dentistry
Nashville, Tennessee

Morehouse School of Medicine
Atlanta, Georgia

Texas Southern University, College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences
Houston, Texas

Tuskegee University
College of Veterinary Medicine, Nursing & Allied Health
Tuskegee, Alabama

Xavier University of Louisiana, College of Pharmacy
New Orleans, Louisiana

The Foundation is currently in its third 5-Year Cooperative Agreement with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR). The agreements have supported more than 75 programs and activities.

The primary focus of the Foundation is to:

Promote and support research that contributes to the advancement of scientific knowledge and treatment of diseases, with a special emphasis on health issues that disproportionately or differently affect minority and poor people;

Cultivate new generations of health professions scholars to address the complexity and contextual nature of minority health issues; and

Support efforts that improve the quality and availability of health care to minority and underserved populations.

To meet its goals, the Foundation engages the collaborative resources, scholarships and technology of minority health professions colleges and universities. These institutions have produced 50 percent of the nation's African American physicians and dentists, 60 percent of the African American pharmacists and more than 75 percent of the nation's African American veterinarians.

Through its public and private partnerships, the Foundation has supported more than 75 projects. These projects include scientific and medical research, community outreach, professional and student development programs. The following programs are offered through the MHPF Professional Development Programs:

- \$ Dr. James A. Ferguson Emerging Infectious Diseases Fellowship Program
- \$ Health Resources and Services Administration Program
- \$ Janssen Research Foundation Diversity Internship Program
- \$ Pfizer Global Research and Development Minority Internship Program
- \$ U.S. Food and Drug Administration Fellowship Program
- \$ Walgreen Company Internship Program

The Foundation's member institutions, which grew out of communities riddled with severe health problems, remain forerunners in addressing the needs of the poor, minority, and underserved populations

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